

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

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Mr. Jose Banda Superintendent Seattle School District No. 1 P.O. Box 34165 Seattle, Washington 98124-1165

Re: <u>Seattle School District No. 1</u> OCR Reference No. 10131229

Dear Superintendent Banda:

This is to inform you that the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is discontinuing its investigation of the above-referenced discrimination complaint against Seattle School District No. 1 (district). Specifically, the complaint alleged that the district had discriminated against a student, on the basis of her disability, by failing to provide the student a free appropriate public education since January 2013, when the student stopped attending school.

The district has agreed to take the actions set forth in the enclosed Voluntary Resolution Agreement (agreement), which, when fully implemented, will resolve the issues raised by the complaint. OCR will monitor the implementation of the agreement and will close the complaint when OCR determines that the terms of the agreement have been satisfied. The first report under the agreement is due by April 11, 2014.

This letter sets forth OCR's determination in an individual OCR case. This letter is not a formal statement of OCR policy and should not be relied upon, cited, or construed as such. OCR's formal policy statements are approved by a duly authorized OCR official and made available to the public. The complainant may have the right to file a private suit in federal court whether or not OCR finds a violation.

Thank you for the cooperation that you and your staff extended to OCR in resolving this complaint. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nicholas Rock, Equal Opportunity Specialist, by telephone at (206) 607-1636, or by e-mail at nicholas.rock@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Wery Team Leader

Enclosure: Voluntary Resolution Agreement

cc: Senior Assistant General Counsel

Honorable Randy Dorn, Superintendent of Public Instruction